

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kumar, et al. Examiner: Balasubramanian, Venkataraman
Application No.: 10/537,859 Group Art Unit: 1624
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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ROSUVASTATIN

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED September 18, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008, Applicants hereby
amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Claims 9, 19-33 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 10 and 13 have been amended.

In claim 1, Formula IV has been corrected and the description of step d
has been amended in light of the Examiner's remarks.

Claim 3 has been amended to remove any ambiguity with respect to the
solvents.

Claims 8 & 10 have been amended to remove any ambiguity with respect
to the term "acid".

Claim 13 has been amended to remove any ambiguity with respect to the
composition of the organic solvent mixture.

Claims 2, 4-7, 11-12 and 14-18 have not been amended.

Remarks begin on page 7.